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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 12 and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121, please substitute for original claims 1, 3, and 7 the following rewritten versions of the same claim, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked Up Version Showing Changes Made."

1. (Twice Amended) A seat weight measuring apparatus, applied to a seat that is mounted to a vehicle body, for measuring the weight of a passenger sitting on the seat, comprising: at least one load sensor, installed at a location at which the seat is mounted to the vehicle body, for measuring a part of a load applied to the seat; wherein the seat is mounted to the vehicle body by a mounting structure that permits movement of the seat in response to the load applied to the seat so that a part of the load applied to the seat is not measured by any load sensor.